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Case Update, April 30, 2008: *This case has been resolved and Mr. Chism has been cleared of the charges. [Click here to view the latest Media Release.](#)*

Case Update, April 2, 2008: *No child pornography was located on Mr. Chism's home computer, nor was any found on his assigned work computer. The entire case file has been forwarded to the Stevens County Prosecutor for review and a decision on whether charges should be filed.*

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Children's Task Force Arrests Two Men in Stevens and Spokane County

(SPOKANE) - The Washington State Patrol Missing and Exploited Children Task Force (MECTF) detectives arrested two men, one Tuesday January 29, 2008 in Stevens County for the possession of depictions of minors engaged in sexually explicit conduct, and one today in Spokane Valley, for improperly communicating with a minor for immoral purposes.

The Task Force detectives and local WSP detectives executed a search warrant for a Spokane County residence as part of an investigation into improperly communicating with a minor for immoral purposes.

The detectives arrested Jonathan Nollan of the 10,000 block of Augusta Avenue in Spokane Valley, Washington. Since September 2007, Nollan has been aggressively chatting online with a WSP undercover detective posing as a 13 year old female.

Nollan was arrested at his place of employment and booked into the Spokane County Jail for two counts of Sexual Exploitation of a Minor (RCW 9.68A.040) and one count of Communication with a Minor for Immoral Purposes (RCW 9.68A.090).

On Tuesday, the detectives and the Stevens County Sheriffs Office executed a search warrant for a Stevens County residence as part of an ongoing investigation. Todd M. Chism was arrested for the possession of depictions of minors engaged in sexually explicit conduct, dealing in depictions of minors engaged in sexually explicit conduct, and sending and bringing into state depictions of minors engaged in sexually explicit conduct.

Tuesday's warrant resulted from MECTF receiving a Cyber Tip from an internet service provider "Yahoo" through the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children.

Chism was taken into custody and booked into the Spokane County Jail.

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Both individuals' homes were searched and computers and other media devices were taken as evidence. The WSP Computer Crimes Unit will conduct a forensic analysis of both individuals' computers to determine the extent of the crimes.

The Washington State Patrol Missing and Exploited Children Task Force is comprised of detectives from the State Patrol, Lakewood Police and the Puyallup Police Department.

For further information, you can contact Detective Sergeant John Sager at (360) 507-1397 or visit www.wsp.wa.gov/missing/ourkids.htm.
